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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2872
Hau-Wei WANG et al.) <u>Examiner</u> : A. Amari
Serial Number: 10/692,754) Attorney Docket: WANG3205beu
Filed: October 27, 2003) <u>Confirmation No.</u> : 8890
For: Microscopic Imaging Apparatu	us With Flat-Top Distribution Of Light

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated January 11, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection Under 35 USC §1.83(a)

This objection has been addressed by cancelling claim 3. Because the "ladder shape" is no longer recited in the claims, it is respectfully submitted that a replacement drawing is no longer necessary, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

2. Rejections of Claims 1 and 3-14 Under 35 USC §103(a)

These rejections have been rendered moot by:

cancellation of claim 1;

 amendment of claim 2 to be in independent form including the limitations of claim 1, from which claim 2 originally depended; and

amendment of the remaining claims to depend from claim 2.

The subject matter of claim 2 was indicated as allowable in items 7 and 8 on page 7 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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